

**MCQUEEN HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED
GATORADE NEVADA BASEBALL PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

CHICAGO (June 3, 2022) — In its 37th year of honoring the nation's best high school athletes, Gatorade today announced **Robby Snelling** of **McQueen High School** is the **2021-22 Gatorade Nevada Baseball Player of the Year**. Snelling is the first Gatorade Nevada Baseball Player of the Year to be chosen from McQueen High School.

The award, which recognizes not only outstanding athletic excellence, but also high standards of academic achievement and exemplary character demonstrated on and off the field, distinguishes Snelling as Nevada's best high school baseball player. Now a finalist for the prestigious Gatorade National Baseball Player of the Year award to be announced in June, Snelling joins an elite alumni association of state award-winners in 12 sports, including Derek Jeter (1991-92, Kalamazoo High School, Mich.), Jon Lester (2001-02, Bellarmine Preparatory School, Wash.), David Price (2003-04, Blackman High School, Tenn.), Clayton Kershaw (2005-06, Highland Park High School, Texas), Rick Porcello (2006-07, Seaton Hall Preparatory School, N.J.) and Kris Bryant (2009-10, Bonanza High School, Nev.).

The 6-foot-3, 210-pound senior left-handed pitcher, outfielder and first baseman compiled an 8-0 record on the mound this past season, posting a 0.56 ERA en route to setting a state single-season record with 146 strikeouts in 62.1 innings and leading the Lancers (18-15) to the Class 5A regional semifinals. Ranked as the state's No. 2 recruit in the Class of 2022 by both Perfect Game and the Prep Baseball Report, he's also rated as the No. 74 overall prospect in the upcoming MLB Draft by Baseball America. Snelling also set a state single-game record with 20 strikeouts in seven innings in a win over Spanish Springs. He issued only six walks this spring. A 2021 Perfect Game All-American Game invitee, he batted .362 with six home runs, 23 RBI, 28 runs and a 1.158 OPS this spring.

Snelling has volunteered locally as a mentor to elementary school students and as a youth baseball coach and camp instructor. "Robby Snelling's work ethic is truly amazing," said McQueen High School head coach Brian Nelson. "His composure on the mound is very impressive. He strives to be the best and he always leads by example. He is truly wise beyond his years and I couldn't be prouder of his maturity and growth as a young man."

Snelling has maintained a 4.26 weighted GPA in the classroom. He has signed a National Letter of Intent to play baseball on scholarship at Louisiana State University this fall.

The [Gatorade Player of the Year](#) program annually recognizes one winner in the District of Columbia and each of the 50 states that sanction high school football, girls volleyball, boys and girls cross country, boys and girls basketball, boys and girls soccer, baseball, softball, and boys and girls track & field, and awards one National Player of the Year in each sport. The selection process is administered by the Gatorade Player of the Year Selection Committee, which leverages experts including coaches, scouts, media and others as sources to help evaluate and determine the state winners in each sport.

Snelling joins recent Gatorade Nevada Baseball Players of the Year Tyler Whitaker (2020-21, Bishop Gorman High School), Carson Wells (2019-20, Bishop Gorman High School), Aaron Roberts (2018-19, Desert Oasis High School), and Austin Pfeifer (2017-18, Arbor View High School), among the state's list of former award winners.

Gatorade has a long-standing history of serving athlete communities and understands how sports instill valuable lifelong skills on and off the field. Through Gatorade's "Play it Forward" platform, Snelling has the opportunity to award a \$1,000 grant to a local or national organization of their choosing that helps young athletes realize the benefits of playing sports. Snelling is also eligible to submit a short video explaining why the organization they chose is deserving of one of twelve \$10,000 spotlight grants, which will be announced throughout the year. To date, Gatorade Player of the Year winners' grants have totaled more than \$3.5 million across more than 1,300 organizations.

Since the program's inception in 1985, Gatorade Player of the Year award recipients have won hundreds of professional and college championships, and many have also turned into pillars in their communities, becoming coaches, business owners and educators.

To learn more about the Gatorade Player of the Year program, check out past winners or to nominate student-athletes, visit playeroftheyear.gatorade.com or follow us on social media on Facebook at facebook.com/GatoradePOY, Instagram at instagram.com/Gatorade and Twitter at twitter.com/Gatorade.

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